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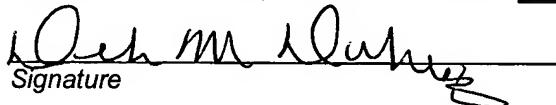
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the applicant requests consideration of this information disclosure statement.

**Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This information disclosure statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first office action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. The fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

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**Information Cited**

The applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the relative importance of the references. Applicants have omitted from this submission copies of the cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in accordance with the Office's waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003. See "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," USPTO Pre-OG Notice, July 11, 2003.

**Explanation of Non-English Language References and  
Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited**

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

**DE 3909999A1** is a German language document. A machine translation is provided.

**JP 7-136177** is a Japanese language document. A Derwent English abstract is provided.

**Remarks**

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

- The examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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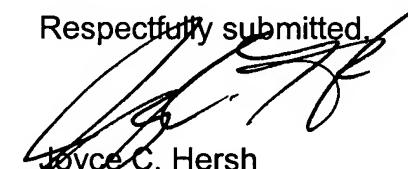
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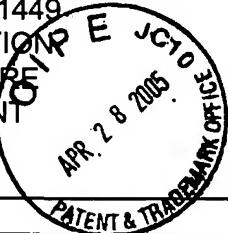
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